Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Student Volunteers

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Get an insider's view of the 2018 IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques (MTT-S) International Microwave Symposium (IMS) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! If you’ve been attending the IMS for years, you know that our friendly staff of student volunteers is essential to the success of the annual event. In fact, over half of the working force at the IMS consists of student volunteers. As part of the IMS2018 Student Volunteer Coordination Committee, we welcome you to join us to experience the IMS with a backstage pass and become part of the force to make IMS2018 successful. No previous experience at the IMS is necessary.

Participation as a student volunteer is easy: complete a brief application form on our website, and attend one of our scheduled student volunteer training sessions in Philadelphia at the opening of the IMS. We ask all volunteers to work a minimum of two full days, but you can feel free to split that into equal half days if you wish. Register early for priority volunteer times, as space is limited! Serving as a volunteer is a great way to network with students, industry professionals, and IEEE leaders.

Volunteers receive complimentary conference registration as well as food and beverages on the days they work. Table 1 includes additional benefits offered to student volunteers, along with other pertinent information. We have multiple committees volunteering their time to make sure that everyone at the IMS, especially students, has a great experience in Philadelphia.

In this issue of IEEE Microwave Magazine, you can read about all of the fun events planned for this conference, like the Young Professionals panel and networking social, the industry-hosted reception and awards banquet, and the Women in Microwaves networking reception.

Additionally, all IMS attendees will get a chance to explore the great city of Philadelphia, its historical sites, and some of the best restaurants in the nation.

If you’re coming to the IMS unaccompanied or as a group, for the first time or as a returning participant, you won’t meet a crowd of more receptive friends than in the student volunteer lounge. The lounge is a great place to

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• RF/digital mixed-signal measurement and calibration
• nonlinear/large-signal measurement and modeling techniques
• THz measurement techniques
• adaptive communications such as cognitive radio
• other topical areas of RF, microwave, and mmW measurements.

Oral technical sessions are single track (Figure 1). Extended breakouts that combine an exhibition and interactive forum aid networking with vendors and among colleagues, whether researcher or practitioner (Figure 2). The conference is preceded by the Nonlinear Network Vector Analyzer Users’ Forum and the On-Wafer Users’ Forum, both held on Thursday afternoon, 14 June 2018.

So if you have interest in measurements from 1 kHz to 1 THz and beyond, be sure to add the ARFTG 2018 Conference to your plans in Philadelphia in June. You will find our atmosphere informal and friendly, which enhances interactions and opportunities for you to learn new ideas and to discuss your own ideas with colleagues. Details about the 2018 Spring ARFTG Conference program can be found on the ARFTG website, www.arftg.org.

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**Important Events to Keep in Mind**

**Saturday, 9 June 2018**
• Student volunteer training session: 2:30–5:00 p.m.
**Sunday, 10 June 2018**
• Student volunteer training session: 2:30–5:00 p.m.
• RFIC plenary session, Industry Showcase, and reception
**Monday, 11 June 2018**
• Student volunteer training session: 2:30–5:00 p.m.
• IMS plenary session and welcome reception
**Tuesday, 12 June 2018**
• Young Professionals panel and networking social
• Industry-hosted reception and awards banquet
**Wednesday, 13 June 2018**
• IMS plenary session and welcome reception
**Thursday, 14 June 2018**
• MTT-S Student Awards luncheon
• Women in Microwaves networking event
**Friday, 15 June 2018**
• 90th Automated RF Techniques Group Conference

**TABLE 1. What you need to know about being a student volunteer.**

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- Be friendly, cordial, punctual, and willing to serve.
- Complete the volunteer application by 15 April 2018.
- Attend one of the three volunteer training sessions (see “Important Events to Keep in Mind” for details).
- Work a minimum of two full days (or four half days).

**Benefits**
- Receive complimentary IMS2018 conference registration (details will be sent to volunteers via e-mail).
- Receive a complimentary IMS2018 student volunteer T-shirt.
- Enjoy food and beverage provided during hours of volunteer service, including breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
- Receive an invitation to the Student Awards luncheon on Thursday.
- Explore exhibits and have the opportunity to interact with people from around the world.

**Overview of Duties**
- Provide organizational assistance for technical workshops, forums, panels, competitions, or interactive sessions.
- Distribute workshop/short course materials.
- Assist with on-site registration and check-in to short courses, workshops, and technical sessions.
- Greet and help conference attendees.

**NOTE:** Transportation and lodging are not included.

Hang out with a globally diverse group of volunteers who are committed to helping run a successful IMS. Plus, your volunteer efforts and expanding professional network look great on a resume. We encourage everyone to band together, make friends, and explore everything the conference has to offer.

Only as a volunteer can you get a behind-the-scenes experience. Meet with industry professionals as they give insight into applications on the exhibit floor. Talk to speakers in small-group settings about their research before they even hold their sessions. Then, at the end of the day, we can guide you to the best industry-hosted festivities or local activities. Don’t miss out on what this conference has planned for you. Help make it successful for yourself and everyone else attending!